

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, August 27, 2010 – 0530 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Moderate (204 new fires)  
 New large fires: 11 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 4  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 17  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 3  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 6

Nationally, there are 62 large fires being managed to achieve multiple objectives.

\*\* Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy. \*\*

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

Interagency personnel are assigned to a number of locations in the Gulf of Mexico to assess and mitigate impacts resulting from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

- Support to the Fish and Wildlife Service includes these areas: Bayou Sauvage NWR (LA), Big Branch Marsh NWR (LA), Breton NWR (LA), Delta NWR (LA), Shell Key NWR (LA), Bon Secour NWR (AL), Grand Bay NWR (AL), St. Vincent NWR (FL), and McFaddin NWR (TX).

- Support to the National Park Service includes these areas: Gulf Islands National Seashore (FL), Jean Lafitte Park and Preserve (LA), Everglades National Park (FL), Dry Tortugas (FL), Biscayne National Park (FL), De Soto National Memorial (FL) and Big Cypress National Preserve (FL).

BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	USFS
1	6	520	105	21

**Northwest Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 19  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 6  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**Scott Mountain**, Willamette NF. IMT 1 (Pendleton). Fourteen miles northeast of McKenzie Bridge, OR. Timber. Backing fire with occasional torching. State highway 242 has been closed.

**View Lake Complex** (two fires), Mt. Hood NF. IMT 1 (Hoff). Forty-five miles east of Estacada, OR. Mixed conifer. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

**White Lightning Complex**, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (West). Fifteen miles north of Warm Springs, OR. Mixed timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity with occasional torching. Residences threatened.

**Oak Flat**, Rogue River – Siskiyou NF. IMT 2 (Fillis). Ten miles northwest of Selma, OR. Closed timber litter. Active fire behavior with running, torching and spotting.

**Willamette NZ Lightning**, Willamette NF. Six miles southwest of Detroit, OR. Closed timber litter. No further information received.

\* **Phoenix**, Crater Lake NP. Four miles northeast of Crater Lake, OR. Closed timber litter. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Scott Mountain	OR	WIF	2,559	1,624	5	UNK	440	148	12	10	8	0	1M	FS
View Lake Complex	OR	MHF	3,037	2,458	30	UNK	604	116	19	8	4	0	2.7M	FS
White Lightning Complex	OR	WSA	33,701	685	70	UNK	737	-119	18	45	6	4	5.7M	BIA
Oak Flat	OR	RSF	5,708	858	60	9/2	959	197	29	22	4	0	10M	FS
Willamette NZ Lightning	OR	WIF	230	96	95	UNK	161	-30	5	5	0	0	1.6M	FS
* Phoenix	OR	CLP	200	---	N/A	N/A	52	---	2	3	1	0	89K	NPS

**Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 4)**

New fires: 59  
 New large fires: 5  
 Uncontained large fires: 5  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

**Long Butte**, Twin Falls District, BLM. IMT 2 (Whalen). Thirty-five miles south of Glenns Ferry, ID. Brush and grass. Minimal fire activity.

**Hurd**, Boise NF. IMT 2 (Kidd). Eight miles northwest of Cascade, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with short duration crown runs. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

\* **Emery**, Twin Falls District, BLM. Fourteen miles south of Oakley, ID. Brush. No further information received.

\* **MM11**, Twin Falls District, BLM. Nine miles west of Raft River, ID. Brush. No further information received.

\* **Northridge**, Payette NF. Three miles west of Fruitvale, ID. Grass. Active fire behavior with running and short-range spotting. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Banner**, Salmon-Challis NF. IMT 2 (Wilde). Eighteen miles northwest of Stanley, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting.

\* **Little Jake**, Dixie NF. Twelve miles northwest of Escalante, UT. Pine, oak and juniper. Backing fire with isolated torching. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Skunk Creek**, Dixie NF. Fifteen miles southwest of Panguitch, UT. Mixed spruce and brush. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Long Butte	ID	TFD	306,113	0	70	8/27	614	-47	4	69	7	12	2.7M	BLM
Hurd	ID	BOF	900	350	10	UNK	724	72	21	22	10	0	1.8M	FS
* Emery	ID	TFD	1,200	---	0	8/27	113	---	3	10	0	0	20K	BLM
* MM11	ID	TFD	1,000	---	0	8/28	33	---	0	7	0	0	10K	BLM
* Northridge	ID	PAF	500	---	20	8/28	121	---	4	3	0	0	150K	FS
Banner	ID	SCF	2,365	288	N/A	N/A	542	-19	14	17	5	0	2.9M	FS
* Little Jake	UT	DIF	530	---	N/A	N/A	27	---	1	1	0	0	10K	FS
* Skunk Creek	UT	DIF	200	---	N/A	N/A	23	---	0	2	0	0	NR	FS

### Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 49  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 1  
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

**Post**, Kern County. IMT 1 (Opliger). One mile east of Lebec, CA. Grass. Isolated interior torching. Residences threatened.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Post	CA	KRN	1,312	312	76	8/28	871	-158	30	52	6	0	2.6M	CNTY

### Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 10  
New large fires: 3  
Uncontained large fires: 2  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

\* **Davis**, Helena NF. IMT 2 (Secret). Eight miles southeast of Lincoln, MT. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with crowning and spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Raven Rat Patch**, Lewistown Field Office, BLM. Thirty-six miles north of Winnett, MT. Timber. No further information received.

\* **Larkins Complex**, Clearwater NF. Thirty miles northeast of Pierce, ID. Timber. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Dodge**, Clearwater NF. Fifty-two miles southwest of Missoula, MT. Closed timber litter. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Davis	MT	HNF	2,000	---	0	UNK	NR	---	0	0	0	0	30K	FS
Raven Rat Patch	MT	LED	30,000	0	85	9/20	90	11	1	9	2	0	600K	BLM
* Larkins Complex	ID	CWF	1,117	---	N/A	N/A	1	---	0	0	0	0	11.5K	FS
* Dodge	ID	CWF	400	---	N/A	N/A	5	---	0	0	0	0	5K	FS

### **Northern California Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 26

New large fires: 0

Uncontained large fires: 1

**Mauna Kea 33**, Hawaii County. Eighteen miles southeast of Waikoloa, HI. Brush and grass. Moderate fire activity with isolated torching.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Mauna Kea 33	HI	DFW	1,387	37	60	UNK	151	41	5	10	4	0	50K	CNTY
Curry	CA	SCU	375	0	100	---	262	7	4	16	0	0	827K	ST
Indian	CA	LNU	363	0	100	---	0	-179	0	0	0	0	526K	ST

SCU – Santa Clara Unit, Cal Fire LNU – Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit, Cal Fire

### **Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 4

New large fires: 2

Uncontained large fires: 2

\* **Geary Dome**, Natrona County. Eight miles northeast of Casper, WY. Brush and grass. No further information received.

**North Fork**, Shoshone NF. Sixteen miles west of Lander, WY. Timber. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

\* **Lion Creek**, Uncompahgre Field Office, BLM. Four miles west of Paradox, CO. Juniper, oak and brush. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Geary Dome	WY	NAX	800	---	0	UNK	12	---	0	5	0	0	NR	CNTY
North Fork	WY	SHF	330	---	98	UNK	151	---	5	0	2	0	850K	FS
* Lion Creek	CO	UPD	130	---	N/A	N/A	11	---	0	1	0	0	NR	BLM

**Western Great Basin Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 7  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

**Wolf Creek**, Humbolt-Toiyabe NF. Previously reported incident. Fifteen miles southeast of Markleeville, CA. Timber. Backing and creeping fire. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Wolf Creek	1,000	HTF	1,000	---	N/A	N/A	15	---	0	0	1	0	1.6M	FS

**Alaska Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 2  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

**Pat Creek**, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Fifteen miles north of Stevens Village, AK. Black spruce, hardwood slash and brush. Creeping and smoldering with isolated single and group tree torching. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Canvasback Lake**, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Started on FWS land twenty-three miles east of Beaver, AK. Mixed spruce and tundra. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Peavey Creek**, Tanana Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Started on FWS land eight miles southwest of Bettles, AK. Timber. Interior smoldering. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Three Sleep**, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Started on FWS land thirty miles east of Stevens Village, AK. Black spruce and tundra. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Pat Creek	AK	UYD	56,279	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	11.4M	BLM
Canvasback Lake	AK	UYD	34,642	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	515K	FWS
Peavey Creek	AK	TAD	28,386	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	676K	FWS
Three Sleep	AK	UYD	7,907	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FWS

**Southwest Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 4  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

**Ranger Complex** (2 fires), Coconino NF. Previously reported incident. Four miles east of Clints Wells, AZ. Timber. Moderate fire activity. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Ranger Complex	AZ	COF	1,246	---	N/A	N/A	13	---	0	2	0	0	85K	FS

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 24

New large fires: 0

Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Cicada	LA	SBR	6,340	1,340	100	---	19	0	0	3	1	0	40K	FWS
Persimmon Ridge	OK	OKS	300	0	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	9K	ST

SBR – Sabine NWR    OKS – Okalahoma DOF

**Predictive Services Discussion: Significant fire potential is forecast today for portions of Nevada and the Rockies due to dry and windy conditions.** The strongest winds are expected from the Sierras to the Rockies and into the Great Plains. Scattered thunderstorms are on tap over southern California, Great Basin, Southwest and Rockies. Most of the West will be cooler with hot weather continuing over the Plains.

[Link to Predictive Services Outlook products.](#)



Today's discussion is from  
"This Day in History"

"Lessons Learned" serve as brief summaries of powerful learning opportunities. You can use these summaries as a foundation and launch point for further dialogue and discussion. Apply these lessons learned to yourself, your crew, and your unit.

Visit <https://www.iat.gov/Training/pages/online.asp> to see the DOI accident review

## SEAT Accident, Meeker Colorado, August 27<sup>th</sup> 2008

**Incident Summary:** A Single Engine Air Tanker (SEAT) is directed by Air Attack to drop on the right flank of the Flat Bush Fire. During the first retardant drop the SEAT's flight pattern takes the aircraft in close proximity to staged firefighters and vehicles. During the drop sequence the pilot's side cockpit door comes open and forces him to abbreviate the drop. The pilot relays to Air Attack that he has a problem with his "door", and having just seen the abbreviated drop, Air Attack assumes the problem door is the retardant gate. He asks several times about the status of the pilot and aircraft. At no time did Air Attack understand that the problem was actually with the cockpit door and the pilot never fully conveys the true nature of his problem. The pilot requests to jettison the remaining retardant. Air Attack assumes the problem is corrected and asks the pilot to reinforce the previous drop. The pilot agrees with this request instead of asking to land to fix the problem. On approach for the second drop, the pilot uses an aggressive turn at low altitude to align the aircraft for the drop. The approach is directly over the top of the firefighters again. As a result of the aggressive maneuver, the aircraft stalls and crashes. Debris from the accident damages two wildland fire engines and narrowly misses the six firefighters. The aircraft's engine lands just 6 feet from an occupied vehicle. The crew is unharmed, the vehicles receive minor shrapnel damage, and although the aircraft is destroyed, the pilot only receives minor injuries.

### Lessons Learned Discussion Points

Apply the concept of LCES to this incident; not from a fire perspective but an aviation point of view.

**(L)** Lookouts look for hazards (situations and actions) and communicate them. Aircraft flying directly overhead are a hazard. Helicopters accidentally release longlines, buckets and sling loads multiple times each season. Water and retardant drops often miss intended targets, creating the potential for injury by the drops themselves or debris from vegetation.

- What other ways can "lookouts" be utilized in aviation?

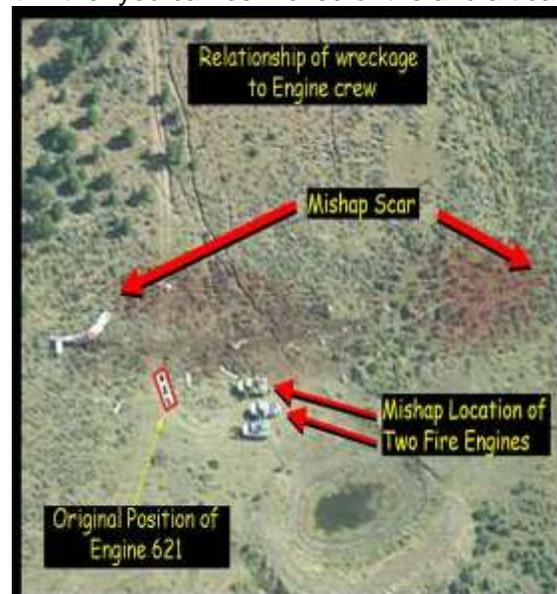
**(C)** If you see something wrong...say something! Communication is about being understood.

- Discuss what might have been communicated about this pilot's first drop that may have prevented the crash on the second.

Most of us have seen something that may have been unsafe but didn't say anything.

- Have your group discuss reasons why that happens. Have your group come up with one good way to avoid that dilemma and plan to practice it today.

**(E & S)** Just as for wildland fire, escape routes and safety zones are needed for aviation operations as well. The ground personnel on this incident may have been in a safe location in regards to the fire but not in a safe location in relation to the aircraft. Keep in mind that if something goes wrong with an aircraft, ground crews may not have time to move to a safer location. If you are in the flight path of an aircraft, communicate it. Either you can be moved or the aircraft can.



### References

- [Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)
- [Interagency Aviation Lessons Learned IALL 09-01](#)
- [BLM Operations Alert 08-01](#)

### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		0			200		200
Northwest	FIRES	0	1			6	12	19
	ACRES	685	50			71	5	811
Northern California	FIRES					22	4	26
	ACRES					196	1	197
Southern California	FIRES		5		2	24	18	49
	ACRES		3		182	109	0	294
Northern Rockies	FIRES					7	3	10
	ACRES					423	2,231	2,654
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	9			17	32	59
	ACRES	0	6,295			86	395	6,776
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3				4	7
	ACRES		0				96	96
Southwest	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						932	932
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	1			1	1	4
	ACRES	0	12			800	0	812
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					23	1	24
	ACRES					443	0	443
TOTAL	FIRES	2	20	0	2	101	79	204
	ACRES	685	6,360	0	182	2,328	3,660	13,215

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	75	66	53	433	16	644
	ACRES	103	292,748	127,713	110,724	556,479	10	1,087,777
Northwest	FIRES	160	191	10	23	351	1,061	1,796
	ACRES	32,474	17,059	3,354	4,451	30,711	1,423	89,472
Northern California	FIRES	51	122		12	1,551	403	2,139
	ACRES	47	12,222		8	18,454	2,241	32,972
Southern California	FIRES	17	159	3	24	1,944	382	2,529
	ACRES	186	10,043	14	3,669	23,572	21,784	59,268
Northern Rockies	FIRES	433	64	8	12	313	486	1,316
	ACRES	3,218	6,595	2,362	721	12,385	8,380	33,661
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	43	495	2	23	479	429	1,471
	ACRES	13,337	389,827	1	96	127,213	18,519	548,993
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	206	9	15	61	54	347
	ACRES	0	17,554	35	5	3,151	1,128	21,873
Southwest	FIRES	510	202	8	61	452	903	2,136
	ACRES	7,449	18,707	38	24,504	43,211	73,682	167,591
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	530	393	8	32	375	354	1,692
	ACRES	2,840	5,679	3,064	7,256	31,611	4,721	55,171
Eastern Area	FIRES	636		39	21	9,761	502	10,959
	ACRES	2,709		4,883	27	83,103	4,336	95,058
Southern Area	FIRES	514		56	24	16,836	509	17,939
	ACRES	32,279		6,148	224	219,534	21,376	279,561
TOTAL	FIRES	2,897	1,907	209	300	32,556	5,099	42,968
	ACRES	94,642	770,434	147,612	151,685	1,149,424	157,600	2,471,397

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>57,822</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>5,150,708</b>

\*\*\* Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. \*\*\*

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	0					1
	ACRES	8	700					708
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						82	82
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						57	57
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	0	0	2	3
	ACRES	8	700	0	0	0	139	847

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					12		12
	ACRES					21,502		21,502
Northwest	FIRES	12	104	6	1		152	275
	ACRES	6,781	21,603	1,648	11		17,529	47,572
Northern California	FIRES	1	12	24	19	29	229	314
	ACRES	10	771	22,275	34	4,042	9,397	36,529
Southern California	FIRES		9	10	7	18	63	107
	ACRES		1,612	1,493	547	2,459	1,969	8,080
Northern Rockies	FIRES	97	33	107	8	29	146	420
	ACRES	3,982	4,674	25,961	1,240	934	17,107	53,898
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		18	6	7	29	40	100
	ACRES		4,110	2,745	520	2,288	10,198	19,861
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	2	2		7	14
	ACRES		68	1,395	546		638	2,647
Southwest	FIRES	30	20	10	9		124	193
	ACRES	2,181	22,553	8,870	1,108		64,092	98,804
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	55	118	26	47	136	424
	ACRES	5,869	8,160	26,858	5,019	6,215	19,554	71,675
Eastern Area	FIRES	47		368	31	1,538	182	2,166
	ACRES	62,783		55,431	5,518	92,559	59,064	275,355
Southern Area	FIRES	19		192	69	8,834	1,079	10,193
	ACRES	3,140		87,408	72,148	281,138	1,036,086	1,479,920
TOTAL	FIRES	248	254	843	179	10,536	2,158	14,218
	ACRES	84,746	63,551	234,084	86,691	411,137	1,235,634	2,115,843

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Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>.

### Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	6	-70	1,527	306,562
Yukon Territory	0	0	86	155,862
Alberta	3	1	1,702	83,396
Northwest Territory	0	0	219	320,714
Saskatchewan	0	7,357	568	1,781,441
Manitoba	0	1	569	149,837
Ontario	1	0	869	14,982
Quebec	1	0	680	361,382
Newfoundland	4	6	45	812
New Brunswick	2	0	158	149
Nova Scotia	0	0	289	461
Prince Edward Island	0	0	2	5
National Parks	0	214	101	6,173
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7,509</b>	<b>6,815</b>	<b>3,181,774</b>

**\*\* National Interagency Coordination Center \*\***